

(c) the time-frame within which the above project would be completed and opened to traffic?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (c) The work of Naupada-Gunupur gauge conversion project, included in the Railway Budget in 1997-98, is being progressed as per the operational priority of the project and the availability of resources. Land has been acquired partially. Earthwork and bridgeworks have been taken up. The budget outlay for the project has been increased substantially from Rs. 5 crore during 2005-06 to Rs. 34 crore during 2006-07 to speed up the progress of work during the year. No target date of completion of the project has yet been fixed.

Rail line from Jammu to R.S. Pura

2701. SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to start the railway line from Jammu to R.S. Pura in near future;

(b) if so, the status of the proposal thereof; and

(c) the details of any survey conducted in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (c) Do not arise.

Ticketless travellers

†2702. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of train passengers caught travelling in trains without ticket in the country during the last three years and the fine recovered from them;

(b) the area where most of the passengers travel without tickets; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to solve this problem?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.